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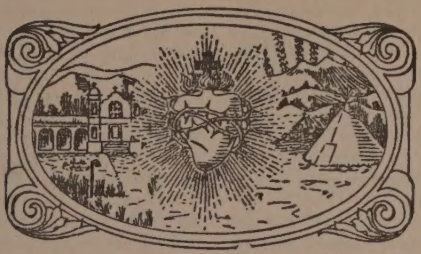

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Spiritual Drive in Los Angeles Diocese

Jesuit Misstonaries Aid Substantially in Lenten Activities of Southland

Early in January, 1929, His Lordship, the Right Rev. Bishop of Los Angeles, announced his intention of having "a great spiritual drive," as he termed it, throughout the entire diocese. The drive was to be conducted by missionaries from various religious orders in the United States. During the five weeks of Lent preceding Palm Sunday, 1929, missions were to be held in all the parishes of the diocese.

Our Very Reverend Father Provincial, when asked to take part in the drive, promised to assign ten misisonaries to the work. This promise was more than fulfilled, as finally 14 men were assigned: Fathers Carroll, W. Deeney, Deignan, Ivancovich, Kavanagh, Linden, McCummiskey, O'Reilly, Ring, Stack, Tranchesi, Edward Whelan, Albert Whelan, and De Rop.

As some of the men on account of college duties, gave but one week, others two, some four and others five, we have to establish some kind of a standard. Let us say, one man's work is four full weeks. Thus ten men in four weeks could give forty missions; but as some of the misisons given required two men, and others, like the Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament in Hollywood, required three, we had the following distribution: first week 8 missionaries, second week 10, third week 7, fourth week 8, fifth week 7, or an average of eight men a week for five weeks, or the equivalent of forty weeks of missions. Thus, with the aid of college men and others not regular missionaries, the promise of Father Provincial was fulfilled.

The first exercise of the mission took place in the Cathedral, Friday night, February 15. The spacious cathedral was crowded, and a large crowd lined the vestibule and street, as the two hundred and fifty or more priests, secular and religious, entered the church processionally to their places in the sanctuary. The Veni Sancte Spiritus was sung, followed by Stations of the Cross. His Lordship Bishop Cantwell then delivered what we may call the keynote speech of the campaign. He made a brief and tactful mention of all the orders and congregations present, reminded his hearers of the sending of the twelve Apostles and the 72 disciples by Our Lord, and asked the cooperation of all the faithful in his sending of the missionaries who were present, to all the parishes of his diocese. This was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the chanting of the Te Deum. The whole evening was an auspicious beginning of a great Lent.

An extensive and efficient advertising campaign had interest at its peak for the beginning of the mission

drives. Bill boards with a clever and artistic poster, store display cards, automobile stickers, and a large canvas sign outside every church of the diocese, announcing the date of the mission in that particular church, brought the mission campaign before the minds of all. The newspapers too, carried good displays, the radio did its very considerable part, and many thousand extra copies of "The Tidings," the diocesan paper, in English and Spanish, were distributed.

The people were urged to attend the mission in their own parish church—pledge cards being distributed to this effect, and, lest any might be tempted to do otherwise, little was made of the name or reputation of the individual missionaries. "The Tidings" and the daily press merely announced the order that would conduct the mission in each church.

The attendance at all times was excellent and the result in all churches good. As was to be expected some of the missions had the name of being more successful than others. Larger crowds and greater enthusiasm singled out certain parishes, due to the eloquence of individual missionaries, or the zeal of pastors, but in as much as the real success of the mission can be estimated only by the work of the confessional, it would be futile to seek to compare mission with mission.

All the missionaries were consoled and encouraged by the number of negligent Catholics brought back to their duties after periods of five, ten, twenty and more years. Hundreds of marriages were righted and other differences arranged. Many were converted and others put on the road to conversion, or at least brought to think more correctly of Catholic teaching and practice.

It is the opinion of the writer that the fruit was more abundant in the city than the country parishes, for various reasons. First of all, the city parishes are on the whole better organized, and the edification that may be lacking in one parish is found in another. Then, too, with the city people, going to church, or not going, is purely a personal concern, whereas the small townsman realizes that any change in his manner of life will be noted by his neighbors. The negligent small town Catholic often will remain negligent therefore, rather than excite his neighbor's interest by showing a church preference. Another difficulty in the small town is the influence of the secret organizations such as the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. Negligent and half hearted Catholics are quickly signed up by these organizations and thus confirmed in their negligence.

In all places, however, the mission campaign had the desired effect of confirming the faith of Catholics, winning back many who had been remiss, and exciting the interest of non-Catholics. It was said that His Lordship the Bishop was enthusiastic over the result and stated that he was confident that a similar campaign in a year or so would be no less rich in its fruits. Our own missionaries were all enthusiastic.

The following letter of one of them, Father De Rop, to Father Kavanaugh the Superior of our mission band, relates experiences common to all the missions.

"Dear Father Kavanagh:—P. C.

I believe you will be interested to know something or other about the Spanish Mission I gave in Gloryetta. The small mission chapel was filled daily to overflowing, as many as two hundred and fifty crowding into the small building. The pastor, Father Jose Origel, seemed highly pleased with the results, and I think I may say that the mission was a success in every respect: I have rarely seen such a devout, attentive, well behaved crowd of Mexicans. This is due above all else to the pastor who is a model priest. He wishes to enter the Mexican province, and in fact was received, but delayed by his bishop. It was pleasing indeed to listen to the prayers of these good people, and to the meditation which the pastor makes daily with a select group of about a hundred of them, and especially to the singing of those pretty Mexican hymns that are unknown in this country amongst American Catholics. I had from 80 to 100 children at the instructions and many of these came even at night, squatting on the floor before the altar railing, always in excellent behavior. The little ones of seven or eight seemed to know all the hymns by heart, thanks, not a little, to a fine organist and leader who came from Mexico. As I looked up-

on this crowd and watched their ways, and listened to their prayers and hymns, I could not help thinking that I had been transported somewhere into the heart of our southern republic, when things were at peace and persecutions unknown.

During the mission we had 500 communions, 300 confessions and 3 marriages. Many more marriages should have been straightened out but were not, though no fault of ours. During the mission there seemed to be a great increase of faith among the Mexicans. They have shown me a great deal of thankfulness. Gloryetta is certainly made up of poor, very poor people, and they can help their pastor but little with the goods of this life, yet there are hopes of better times.

I am pleased to have done the share assigned me, and hope to have other opportunities among these poor people. Would that more marriages could be straightened out.

Hoping that the above is not unwelcome and wishing you many blessings, I am

Yours sincerely,

Jos. C. De Rop, S. J."

The mission in our parish of The Blessed Sacrament was one of the most successful of all. It was conducted by Fathers Stack, O'Reilly and Father Linden who, besides giving the children's mission, conducted a convert class. Forty applied for the class. Our new large and beautiful church was filled throughout the two weeks of the mission.

The good accomplished has once more brought before those engaged the great fruit to be gathered from this sort of work and has consequently renewed interest in the mission band. Shortage of men has limited our activities along these lines for many years, but the campaign in Los Angeles renews the hope that our province may soon find it possible to put an adequate mission band in the field.

List of Missions and Ministeria of Ours in L. A. Mission Drive.*

		Conf.	Com.
St. Kevins	Father Deignan	1000	1200
Ascension	Father McCummiskey (2 wks)	1400	2000
Cathedral	Fathers Carroll, Jos. Stack and Father Linden (2 wks)	4000	5000
St. Aloysius	Father Edward Whelan	800	1000
Gardena	Father Kavanagh	600	800
St. Vincents, San Diego	Father O'Reilly	700	900
La Jolla		200	250
Huntington Park (Italian)	Father Tranchese	100	175
Santa Barbara	Fathers Kavanaugh and Ivancovich (2 wks.)	1800	2200
St. John's	Father O'Reilly (2 wks.)	1400	1650
St. Odilia's	Father Ring (colored parish of L. A.)	500	700
St. Agatha's	Father Wm. Deeney	700	900
Bellflower	Father Linden	300	400
Lompoc	Father Ring	200	300
Pomona	Father A. Whelan	500	750
Nativity	Father Kavanagh (2 wks.)	1500	1850
Blessed Sacrament	Fathers Stack, O'Reilly and Father Linden (2 wks.)	5000	7000
St. Columbkilles	Father McCummiskey and Father Ring (2 wks.)	1200	1500
Santa Maria	Father Ring	350	500
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Father Tranchese	200	300
Perris	Father Deignan	200	300
Gloryetta	Father De Rop	300	500
	Total	23950	30170

* Figures are estimated.

Bellarmine College

School Play

The Shakespearian tragedy Macbeth is now being ushered in at Bellarmine under the direction of Father Joseph Lynch. The dates for the play have been set for May 9 and 10.

Constitutional Contest

The Pierce county eliminations of the National Oratorical contest were held on the evening of April 5 at St. Leo's auditorium. The Bellarmine representative took third place.

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Brophy College

The Three Hours

The devotion of the Three Hours was held in both parishes in Phoenix for the first time this year. As a consequence it was not as well attended as in most of our other churches throughout the country. The Fathers divided the talks among them so that the whole burden would not fall on one man.

Spiritual Ministrations

We have plenty of opportunity for performing some of the corporal works of mercy, especially visiting the sick and burying the dead. There are within the limits of our parish about ten sanitaria and numbers of sick in private homes to whom we bring the consolations of religion. Most of these are suffering from consumption and some of the cases are pitiful. People arrive here in the advanced stages and with very little money, believing that once they arrive in Arizona they are saved.

Library Grows

Our library has been considerably increased by the gift of the library of Mr. James Lavin, a graduate of Georgetown, who was killed recently in an auto accident while returning from the dedication of the parish church in Nogales, Arizona.

Gift of Antique Crucifix

The motif of the antique that has been followed out in the College chapel has been greatly enhanced by the gift of a crucifix from Mr. James Douglas, founder of Douglas, Arizona, and father of Mr Louis Douglas, United States Congressman. The crucifix which had suffered from the ravages of time has been skilfully restored by Father Rossetti.

The inscription reads:

CHRIST
carved in wood
dating from about 1670
found
in the MONKS CEMETERY
at
EXAUX
near MONTLUCON, FRANCE

Banquet Honors Mrs. Brophy

Many prominent professional and business men were our guests at a banquet given in the boys' dining room to honor Mrs. Brophy.

To Return to Studies

Mr. Francis Cahill, who has been in ill health for the past year and a half, has been declared by the doctor well enough to go back to his studies. He will leave soon for Mount St. Michael's.

Series of Radio Talks

Father Joseph A. Vaughan is giving a number of talks on the Church over the radio station KOY of Phoenix. The time is 8:10 p. m. Mountain; the wave length, 228 meters.

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Sacred Heart Novitiate

Leaves For Mount

Brother Alfred Ryan left early this month to become temporary infirmarian at the Mount. He has been with us since last November when he came down from Holy Cross Mission, Alaska, to receive medicinal attention. His health is now so generally improved that he is eager to get back to his old post of duty.

Brother John O'Brien

On account of the serious illness of his father, Brother John O'Brien was called home to Hillyard late in March. He arrived in time to console by his presence the last moments of his father, who died peacefully on Monday of Holy Week. Fortunately, Brother was able to return within a short time to his studies.

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Santa Clara

Father Ricard Convalescing

Father Jerome S. Ricard, head of the University of Santa Clara Observatory, who was stricken last month with a heart ailment, is now

convalescing. He was at the O'Connor Sanitarium.

For a time the condition of the "Padre of the Rains" was considered serious, due to the fact that a bronchial attack complicated the heart complaint.

Baccalaureate Sermon

Reverend Father Thomas O'Connell, A. B. '92, Pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Oakland, California, will preach the sermon at the annual Baccalaureate Mass at the University of Santa Clara to be celebrated May 12 at 11:00 a. m. in the Mission church.

Reverend Father Cornelius J. McCoy, president of the University of Santa Clara, will celebrate the Mass.

Father O'Connell, always a staunch supporter of his Alma Mater, the University, visited the campus recently to confer with Father President on the coming celebration.

Commencement Exercises

J. Barret McMahon, senior in the College of Arts and Letters, has been named Valedictorian of the class of 1929.

A change was also announced in the date of the commencement exercises. The seventy-eighth annual commencement exercises will take place on Thursday, May 16, instead of Saturday, May 18 as announced in the catalogue, and the Baccalaureate Mass will be Sunday, May 12, the Sunday preceding the commencement, instead of May 18.

Student Body Honors Patron Saint

Traditional spring services at the shrine of St. Joseph in the garden of the University of Santa Clara took place Tuesday evening, April 16.

There was a speech and a poem on St. Joseph by two members of the student body, and Reverend Father C. J. McCoy, president of Santa Clara, preached a short sermon.

Following the addresses the University choir sang, and the assemblage went to the Mission church for solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The ceremony is a tradition at Santa Clara, and is carried out every spring in honor of St. Joseph, under whose patronage the University was founded.

Celebrates Natal Mass

Father Aloysius V. Raggio, former professor at Santa Clara University, celebrated Mass in the Student Chapel on April 5, commemorating his 85th birthday.

Many of Father Raggio's friends from surrounding cities and towns were present at the Mass. The University choir furnished the music.

Father Raggio was born in Bonifacio, Corsica, April 3, 1844. In 1872 he came to America from Stonyhurst, England, where he had taught for six years. For several years Father taught at St. Ignatius College in San Francisco.

From San Francisco Father Raggio came to Santa Clara, where he became pastor of St. Clare's parish. Until last year Father was connected with the local parish, and until this year was Chaplain at the Agnew state hospital.

Noted as a linguist, Father Raggio speaks English, Portugese, Spanish, French and Italian.

The golden jubilee of Father's entrance into the order took place in 1912. Father was ordained in 1879, and is to celebrate his golden jubilee in the priesthood this year.

Barchi Prizes Founded

In honor of the late Father Barchi, Joseph M. Durney of San Francisco recently founded two annual prizes of $15 and $10 for the best papers upon scientific subjects by students of the University of Santa Clara.

The subject of the essay is to be chosen by the faculty every year. This year the prizes will be awarded to the best papers turned in by students in the physics course.

Father Barchi, in whose honor the prizes are founded, was formerly the teacher of Mr. Durney. The prizes will be called the Barchi prizes.

Twenty Try For Medal in Religion

More than 20 students competed in the annual contest for the Archbishop's medal held April 10, in O'Connor Hall.

The winner of the contest will be announced at the Commencement exercises, when the medal will be awarded. The prize is a medal donated by His Grace, The Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, and is given annually to the student completing most successfully an examination in religion.

Father Shipsey Returns

Father Edward Shipsey, professor

of political economy and English returned to classes on April 8, after an illness of more than a week, during which he was confined to O'Connor Sanitarium in San Jose.

Redwood Almost Finished

The Redwood was off the press April 18. The book, however, will be kept in the bindery for two weeks to insure better binding. It will be distributed the first week in May.

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Hollywood

Tidings Contest

Recently "The Tidings," the official organ for the diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego, started a huge drive for fifty thousand new subscriptions. The drive was conducted in the form of a money-prize contest.

Rev. Father J. A. McHugh, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hollywood, won the $1,500 cash Second Grand Award with a total of 11,099,000 votes.

The $500 Special Cash Award offered for the member turning in the largest total of votes between Februar 27 and March 13 inclusive was won by Father McHugh, who turned in a total of 4,297,00 between these dates.

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Loyola University

Latin Debate

On the afternoon of April 16 Loyola high school held a Latin debate under the auspices of the Los Angeles Board of Education, at Roosevelt High. The Classical Center of the Board of Education, a department established for the furtherance of interest in the classics, extended the invitation to Loyola high school.

The debate was conducted entirely in Latin, and the subject for discussion read: Resolved—"That the study of Latin has greater advantages for the general training of the mind than any modern language."

The affirmative was upheld by Joseph DiMuro and William Wilson, while those speaking on the negative side of this subject were Arthur Houser and Richard Walsh. Besides the Latin debate, there was also a Latin essay entitled "The Art of Aviation," and a Latin oration, "Washington's address to his soldiers before the battle of Long Island."

The novelty of a debate in Latin caused great interest, and most likely the Loyola boys will be called upon to repeat the classical entertainment before other local high schools. Father Hugh C. Donavon, teacher of classics at Loyola, presided.

Loyola High Wins

The finals in the Oratorical Contest, District 35, sponsored by the Los Angeles Times were held Friday evening, April 12, in Catholic Girls' High School. Again Loyola triumphed. Never have the representatives from Loyola failed to advance at least this far in the National Contest. The victor this year was Karl Von der Ahe, a Senior, and his victory was a sweeping one.

Karl Von der Ahe is not an inexperienced speaker, having been a Gold Medal Debater last year, and having been chosen to address the R. O. T. C. in the Coliseum last Armistice Day. The subject he chose was "The Individual, His Rights and His Duties, Under the Constitution." It was logically thought out, and oratorically delivered. Great hope is had that the representative of Loyola will advance far in the contest, and equal, if not surpass his fellow Loyolan, Eugene McElmell, who in 1926 spoke in the finals at Washington. The next elimination tryouts will be held on the evening of April 26, at Whittier Union High.

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Alaska Missions

No Special Delivery

Mail is scarce during the winter months at St. Mary's Mission, Akulurak! About once a month is as often as one gets a delivery—but it is not so long ago when there was no mail at all! Father A. G. Willebrand is describing some of the features of the mission.

Much Territory to Cover

He continues: "One feature of our work is the large amount of travel it involves. Our territory is very extensive. The natives live in small villages, mostly of two, three or four cabins. There are some larger settlements where it would be worth while to have little chapels, but these are the exception.

I have travelled on several trips and have just returned from a journey which occupied a whole week. I travelled by dogsled from village to village, according as I heard of

work to be done. At night we slept on the floor of native cabins, in which we also ate—usually from our own lunch boxes. After a week's travel over our vast sea of snow and ice on a litle skiff of a sled, I returned to the mission.

The Yukon delta is very swampy, and is intersected by branches of the Yukon and filled with lakes. In places where wood is hard to get, the natives make their houses largely of earth. They look very much like earth root houses. Sometimes two or three families occupy one of these little one-roomed cabins.

Graduates Easily Recognized

"Our school, in charge of Ursuline nuns is still doing what it can for some 100 boys and girls. It is a pleasure to meet graduates of our school on the trail. One can easily recognize them by their willingness to help the priest in every way possible."

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Father Ignatius A. Vasta

Short Illness Fatal

Father Ignatius Vasta, chaplain of the Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane, and for almost fifty years a Jesuit, died on Thursday evening, April 11, at the hospital after a two day illness with heart trouble. At 3 o'clock that morning he had been stricken with a heart attack, and soon afterwards was anointed by Father Edward A. McNamara. Once more, at 5 o'clock in the evening, the heart began to fail and from that time until the end, at 7:30 o'clock the dying priest became weaker and weaker.

He was, however, conscious to the last, answering the prayers for the dying as they were said for the second time immediately before his death.

He asked pardon of those he might have in any way scandalized, reciting with Father McNamara the act of contrition and, with "My Jesus Mercy," "Mary, my Mother, pray for me" upon his lips, passed to the reward for which he had labored so long and so well.

Native of Corsica

Father Vasta was born in Corsica, Italy, on December 16, 1862. In 1889, as a member of the Society, he left his native land to take upon himself the labors of a misisonary in the Pacific Northwest. His first destination was Woodstock College, Maryland, whither he went for his course in theology.

In 1891, however, he was called, on account of continuous headaches, to St. Ignatius Mission, Montana, by Father Cataldo, who was at that time superior of the Rocky Mountain Mission. After a few months there he came to Spokane where, with another scholastic, he passed his examination "ad audiendas." It was on November 13, 1891 that Father Vasta was ordained to the priesthood.

Missionary and Pastor

Then came years of missionary activity among the Indians.

In 1906 we find him at Gonzaga College. Here he was a member of the faculty and performed the duties of chaplain at the Good Shepherd. On October 14, 1910, he was sent to Tacoma as assistant pastor of St. Leo's. In this capacity he made frequent trips to McNeil Island, looking after the spiritual needs of the prisoners. He was active, too, at Gig Harbor where he was instrumental in building the little church and organizing the parish.

Complications resulting from an operation caused Father to visit the South in 1915, and he therefore spent this year at San Jose. But he was soon back in Washington, and was appointed spiritual father of Seattle College. Here he remained some years until, in 1922, he took charge of the parish at Lewiston, Idaho.

In 1927 he became, upon the opening of Manresa Hall, the first minister at Port Townsend. The year 1928 saw him again in Seattle, this time at the Immaculate Conception church. On October 2 of last year Father Vasta became chaplain of the Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane, a charge which he fulfilled to the day of his death.

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NEW ORLEANS

Father Grace writes from North Carolina, giving an account of his work among the Mountain Whites of that region. There are about 300,000 souls in the section allotted to him, and so far he has found about 60 Catholics. The mountaineers are an intelligent people, but sadly lacking in the fundamentals of Christianity. The State is making great efforts to educate them, and

it is hoped that with education the task of the missionary may become easier. These people eke out a scanty livelihood from their farms, which are patches of land perched at precarious angles on the sides of the mountaines. They love children and large families are the rule among them.

Their poverty is the main avenue of approach, and gifts of good clothing and other things persuaded them that the misisonaries were human creatures like themselves, and ready to sympathise in deeds as well as words. An opening has thus been made and the work begun, but it will probably prove to be a very long and difficult task to produce fruits of conversion in any abundance in this territory.

NEW YORK—MARYLAND

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service was celebrated on February 18. Exercises were held in the presence of a distinguished assembly of guests from the diplomatic corps, of government officials, leaders in international trade, and prominent educators. The Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, delivered the address of the evening. Because of the services rendered by his Peace Pact, the University bestowed on Mr. Kellogg the degree of Doctor of Laws. Father Nevils spoke of the debt that the University owes to the Foreign Service school, and especially to Father Walsh, its chief founder and regent.

BAJA CALIFORNIA

Surveys made at Loreto, Lower California, as well as at other points along both sides of the peninsula, confirm the findings made almost two hundred years ago by Jesuit scientists. It is known that the peninsula is slowly widening, and that there is a possibility of the ultimate disappearance of the Gulf of California. A number of trees were planted about thirty years ago, within ten feet of the sea. They are now one hundred yards inland. These findings are in agreement with the records of the early Jesuits.

MEXICO

Father Mario Barbera, of the "Civitta Cattolica," relates a cure attributed to the intercession of Father Pro. A man was in grave danger from an internal hemorrhage and suppuration, the source of which could not be found. While all were praying to Father Pro, the surgeon, hitherto undecided, resolved to seek in the lungs for the root of the trouble. No objective indication had caused his decision. The cure, though long, was successful and complete, and both Father Berbera and the sick man attribute it to Father Pro.

Any hopes that the Catholics had in the new President have been disappointed. Their Memorial and petitions are allowed to lie in the archives, and the only activity on the part of the government, prior to the revolt, was a fresh stand against those who were fighting for the liberty of the Church. During the month of February, events succeeded each other with great rapidity; the execution of Toral; the protest of 100,000 people; the forced concentration of the people of Jalisco by the federal troops; attempts on railroad trains; the order for the registration of bishops and priests; the intrigues of the Government to assure the favorable result of the next presidential election; and, to end all, the general revolt. The revolting leaders have, in their proclamations, repeatedly promised religious freedom, and public worship has been restored in Sonora, by the command of the Bishop.

NEW SODALITIES

During 1928, 939 new Sodalities were aggregated to the Prima Primaria. They were distributed as follows: United States, 172, Canada, 19, American generally, 80, Europe, 601, Africa, 9, Oceania, 4, Asia 54.

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Deaths in the Provinces of the United States

Father Richard A. Fleming, March 30, Jersey City, N. J. (Md.-N. Y.)

Father A. M. Valentino, April 13, 13, Pueblo, Col. (Mo.)

Father Ignatius Vasta, April 11, Spokane, Wash. (Calif.)

Fr. James P. Moore, April 22, New Orleans, La. (N. O.)

R. I. P.